



United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

2020 Annual General Meeting

Zoom Meeting

13 February 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:00.

Regional Director Tony Falcone started the meeting welcoming everyone via Zoom. There was a moment of silence in memory of our Region I family members who were lost in 2020: Gus Xikis, Region I Cup Commissioner, Vice President of ENY and President of Long Island Soccer Football Association; Frank Giancroce, former Region I Adult & Youth Referee Administrator and SRA of EPA; and John Matter, former SRA of PAW.

New member introductions: Scott Mapes of Vermont introduced Jonas Hart, VSSA Registrar and VP, attending the Region I and USASA AGM on behalf of VSSA. Tony F. announced new members include Steven Hepburn, VP Adults (NH) and Rocco Avalone. 3rd VP Adults (ENY).

1. Roll Call & Credentials – Credentials Chairman Peter Pinori (ENY) – Secretary Scott Mapes called the roll:

State Association	Votes	Comments
Connecticut	4	Present
Delaware	(1)	Not Present
Eastern New York	4	Present
Eastern Pennsylvania	4	Present
Maryland	3	Present
Massachusetts	5	Present
Metro DC/Virginia	5	Present
New Hampshire	0	Present
New Jersey	4	Present
Pennsylvania - West	3	Present
Rhode Island	(2)	Not Present
Vermont	1	Present
West Virginia	2	Present
Western New York	(4)	Not Present
Subtotal	35	Votes present for elections and general business

Regional Officers		
Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present
Dep. Director Andy Weiss	1	Present
Secretary Scott Mapes	1	Present
Treasurer William George	1	Present
Subtotal	4	Votes Present
TOTAL VOTES	39	Votes Present for general business

Credentials report approved.

2. Approval of Region I 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes (14 February 2020) –

The minutes were approved as presented. Jim Bollinger (EPA) asked about insurance updates. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Dave Laraba (WVA). Approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Region I Treasurer Bill George provided recap of the financial report. Review 2020 Actuals v 2020 Budget. The report is part of the USASA audit.

4. Director’s Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tony F presented on screen the series of upcoming virtual meetings leading up to the USSF AGM:

- USASA Training Session - Tuesday, 16 February
- USASA Candidates Forum - Wednesday, 17 February
- USASA 2020 AGM & US Adult Council 2021 Meeting - Saturday, 20 February
- USASA/USYS Meeting - Tuesday, 23 February
- USSF Vice President Candidates Forum - Wednesday, 24 February
- USSF 2021 AGM - Saturday, 27 February

COVID

A difficult year for all states and regions. Some members were able to return to play this past fall. Hopefully state & local governments will ease restrictions to allow teams to return to play.

NBOD

Pushing USASA NBOD to take proactive lead publishing new polices upon adoption of new bylaws.

Insurance – review of USI – State D&O Policies

- a. \$3,000,000 Combined Limit for Director & Officers Liability/Employment Practices Liability (including 3rd party) Coverage.
- b. \$0 Retention (No Deductible).
- c. Spoke to Eric Hiatt of USI – quotes are being worked on for each state that has applied. States will be reimbursed by USASA.
- d. Member leagues of State Association may purchase their own D&O through USI.

USSF Bylaw Amendments

Joint meeting of USASA and USYS regarding collective approach to taking no action on any proposed USSF Bylaw. John Motta gave an update on Cindy Cone's withdrawal letter and the bylaws have not been officially withdrawn. John noted US Club Soccer is not in support of USASA/USYS position on the bylaw's.

5. Reports of other Officers & Committees

Deputy Director, Andy Weiss – no report other than thanking all for participating in the R1 US VP soccer questionnaire.

Secretary, Scott Mapes – no report.

Committees

- a. Cups – Jack Testani gave an update. Cup Committee members: Jack Testani (CT), JP lukengu (MA), John Kahmke (WNY), Mary Beth Falk (MDCVA) & Tony Falcone.
- b. Adult SoccerFest – Cesar Wasecki reported the 2021 SoccerFest is scheduled for 7 to 11 July at Uihlein Soccer Park, Milwaukee, WI. All is dependent upon Covid restrictions at the time, so many details TBD.
- c. Women's Cup/Tournament – The Region is planning on running a weekend women's tournament in conjunction with the U23 Tournament at Ukrainians National Club outside Philadelphia, PA., 19-20 June 2021. Tony F. mentioned dates are flexible. Several states indicated that they would provide teams for the tournament, VT, ENY, MA. CT, NJ and EPA. Peter Pinori (ENY) encouraged all states to support the women's tournament. Marti Bevan (MDCVA) offered to partner with R1 to assist getting the event organized. Bill George urged R1 to be proactive to drive the interest and momentum. Richard Moeller gave an update on other women tournament initiatives. Scott Mapes noted for the record that Dan Rooney (CT) offered to assist Cup Committee with women's tournament.
- d. Other Cups: Entries, project dates and deadlines discussed. Tony F. indicated the CC will utilize Zoom meeting with all entrants. Tony also solicited for states to reach out if they wish to host any cup event.

6. Unfinished Business

Peter Pinori (ENY) thanked John Motta and other individual and committee efforts in putting USASA and USYS together to collaborate in review of the proposed USSF Bylaws proposals.

7. New Business

U23 Trophy - Tony F. moved to name the Region U23 championship the Gus Xikis Trophy for the Region I Under-23 Championship. Second Peter Pimori (ENY) second. Passed unanimously.

2021 Budget - Tony F. and Bill George gave a review. In 2021 R1 projects a loss of \$39K and if that holds true then R1 will have roughly \$100K in assets. Peter Pinori (ENY) moved to approve budget. Budget approved.

8. Elections

Tony Falcone was the sole contender for Director. Scott Mapes was the sole contender for Secretary. There were no other declarations from any individuals seeking those two positions. Andy Weiss moved that the both nominees be affirmed by acclamation.

9. Guests

- John Motta, USASA President
- Rich Moeller, USASA Vice President
- Karon Beyer, USASA Secretary
- Chaz Ballish, USASA Director At-Large

10. Good of the Game

Bill Marth – Put in a “plug” for his book “Building an Amateur Soccer Nation” and associated podcasts.

Richard Groff – discussed proposal for Soccer Cares Fund initiative to assist the game among the grass roots. Seeking to raise \$100K. USASA looking into ability to administer the program.

Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) – asked about the USSF Covid Relief Fund. Richard Moeller gave a status report on Covid Relief and ITG Fund and encouraged all to contact him with any ITG and CR fund applications.

John Motta congratulated Richard Groff for being nominated 2021 Finalist for National Soccer HOF in the founder category.

USASA AGM is scheduled for Dallas, TX in September 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03.

Scott Mapes
Secretary
USASA Region I

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This meeting was held virtually using Zoom video. The meeting was recorded for the purpose to assist the Secretary in drafting the minutes. The recording is not archived.

The Region held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, 10 February. It was an informal meeting to discuss topics related to this meeting and the upcoming meetings of USASA and USSF. The meeting was not recorded nor were minutes kept of the discussions.